

2027 JAPAN INTERNATIONAL ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Kyoto City Guide

Official travel guide for festival participants
and accompanying members

Exploring the Okazaki cultural district, the Higashiyama walk,
Kyoto dining, and city shopping around ROHM Theatre Kyoto.

OKAZAKI CULTURAL DISTRICT • HIGASHIYAMA WALK •
KYOTO DINING • CITY SHOPPING

*Beyond a single performance,
there is all of Okazaki.*



Getting to Know Okazaki

Where Art Meets Everyday Kyoto

ROHM Theatre Kyoto sits within Okazaki, a walkable cultural living district where performance venues, parks, shrines, museums, canals, and Kyoto dining meet.

Festival groups can coordinate check-in, rehearsals, performances, cultural learning, meals, and free time within one connected area.



Transport orientation

Higashiyama Station: about a 10-minute walk

Jingu-Marutamachi Station: about a 13-minute walk

Allow extra transfer time on weekends and peak seasonal days.

A

Zone A — Venue & Okazaki Park

Check-in · rehearsal · quick meals · staff rest

Best for performance days

B

Zone B — Shrine, Art Museums & Nanzen-ji

Heian Jingu · museums · Nanzen-ji · Suikokaku

For VIP reception and arts education exchange

C

Zone C — City-centre Shopping & Dinner

Sanjo · Teramachi · Nishiki Market ·
Gion · Kawaramachi

For free time and city experiences



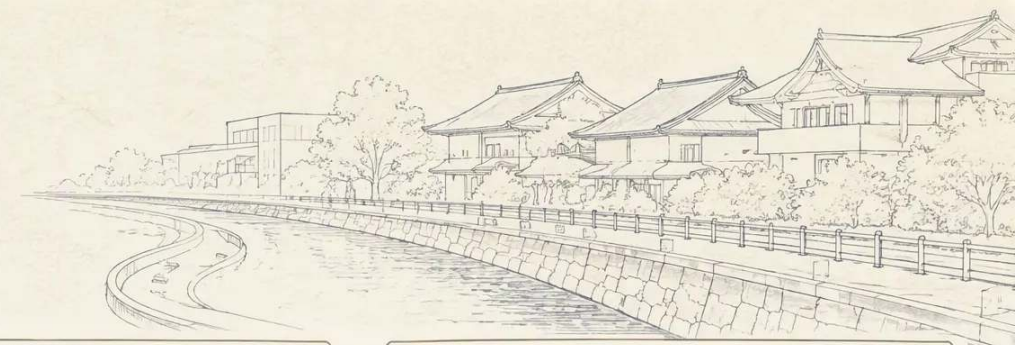
Walkable cultural route



Most festival-day needs
are within the Okazaki district.

Core Okazaki Attractions: Exploring the Cultural Fabric

Four cultural stops within easy walking distance of ROHM Theatre Kyoto.



01

Heian Jingu

Vermilion torii, grand shrine halls, and the seasonal Shin'en garden.



Walk: about 5–8 minutes



02

Kyocera Museum of Art

Kyoto modern art, Japanese painting, craft, and special exhibitions.



Walk: about 3–5 minutes



03

Kyoto City Zoo & Okazaki Park

A relaxed choice for students, families, and short breaks near the venue.



Walk: about 8–10 minutes



04

The National Museum of Modern Art, Kyoto

Modern art, design, photography, and crafts; pair it with the Kyocera Museum.



Walk: about 8–10 minutes



Field Notes



Group Arrival Photo
Heian Jingu great torii



Arts Exchange
Kyocera Museum of Art



Morning Walk & Short Film
Canal and Okazaki Park



Combine the two art museums
for a focused cultural-learning
itinerary.

Higashiyama Cultural Walk: Zen Temples and Historic Paths

A half-day route from the festival venue into Kyoto's layered landscape of nature, religion, and architecture.

Modern theatre → Zen temple → red-brick aqueduct → canal-side path



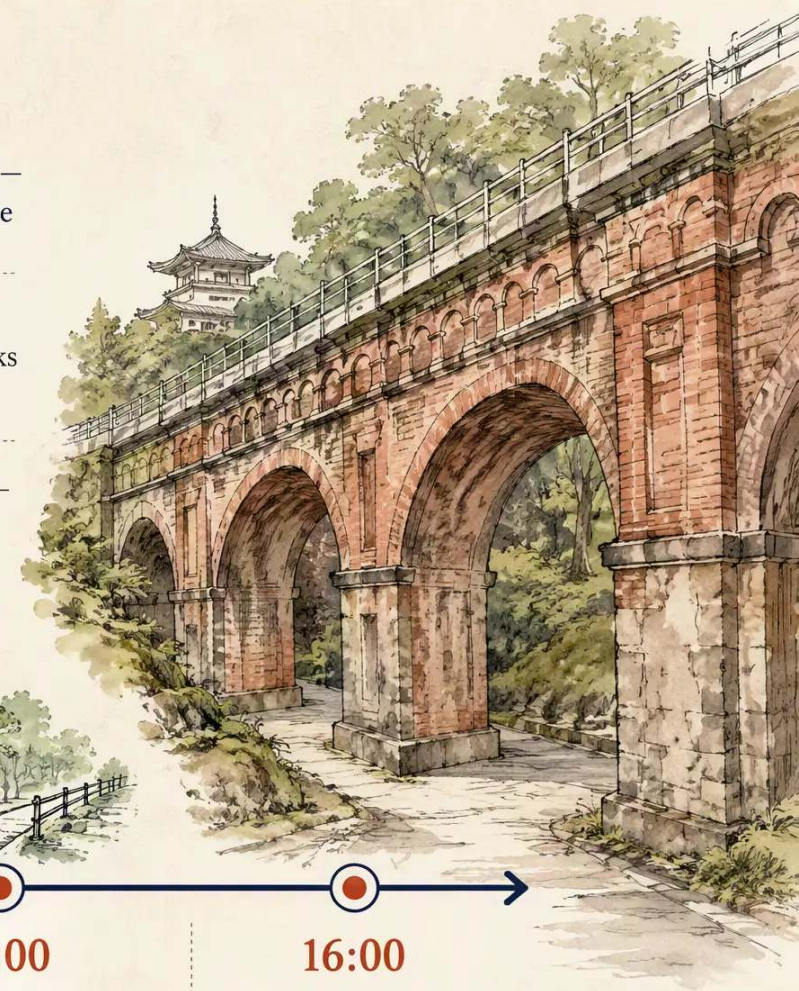
Nanzen-ji Sanmon —
solemn vertical scale



Suirokaku —
Meiji-era public-works
character



Philosopher's Path —
canal, trees, and
small temples



09:00

ROHM Theatre Kyoto /
Okazaki Park

Theatre exterior,
canal, morning walk



10:00

Nanzen-ji

Sanmon gate, Zen
architecture, gardens



11:00

Suirokaku

Red-brick arches and
aqueduct photography



12:00

Yudofu Lunch

Junsei or Ryotei Yachiyo ·
reserve ahead

Reservation recommended.



14:00

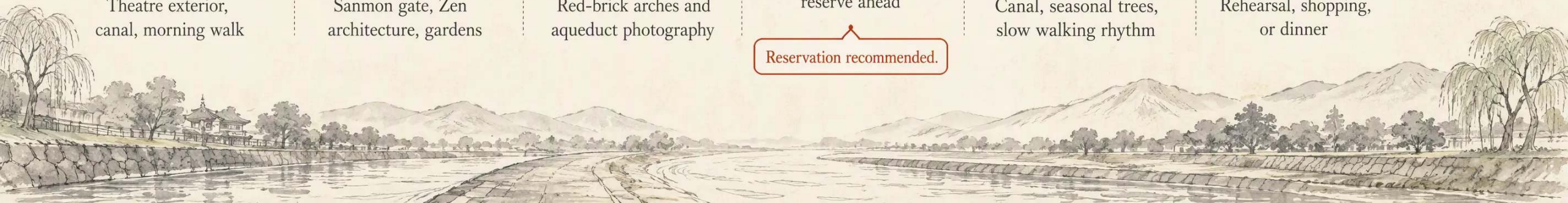
Eikan-do /
Philosopher's Path

Canal, seasonal trees,
slow walking rhythm

16:00

Return to Venue
or Sanjo

Rehearsal, shopping,
or dinner



Kyoto Taste Map: From Venue Dining to Garden Kaiseki

Plan meals around rehearsal timing, group size, and the Kyoto experience you want to create.



At the Venue Kyoto Modern Terrace

Convenient before or after performances; suitable for VIP reception.



Quick Student Lunch Okakita / Yamamoto Menzo

Fast, casual, and popular; allow for waiting time before going on stage.



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Garden Yudofu Nanzen-ji Junsei / Ryotei Yachiyo

Traditional tofu cuisine for judges, VIPs, and formal cultural receptions. Reserve early.



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Evening in Gion Gion / Kawaramachi Restaurants

Broad dinner choice after performances; confirm transport and divide larger groups across tables.



Yudofu

Tofu, dashi, and a garden setting.



Kaiseki

Season, tableware, color, and rhythm.



Noodles

Ideal for students and staff; plan around queues.

Festival planning priority:
secure large-group seating first,
then VIP dining and popular
noodle restaurants.

Shopping and Free Time: From Shrine Avenues to Nishiki Market

Choose a district to match the time available, group size, and festival schedule.

SHORT STOPS

Heian Jingu Approach

A quick cultural shopping stop near the venue.

- Yatsushashi and matcha sweets
- Folding fans and omamori charms
- Small Kyoto souvenirs



Best for short breaks on performance days.

STUDENT FREE TIME

Sanjo • Teramachi • Shinkyogoku

The liveliest choice for student groups and flexible free time.

- Apparel and lifestyle goods
- Wagashi, cafés, and trend-led shops
- Art books and design stationery



Easy to combine with Sanjo or Kawaramachi dinner plans.

FOOD CULTURE

Nishiki Market

Kyoto's compact market street for local flavors and edible gifts.

- Pickles, tofu skin, seafood, and dried goods
- Wagashi and tea-related treats
- Explore in smaller groups



Approx. 400 m market street.

Group Shopping Reminder

Nishiki Market's aisles are narrow. Split into smaller groups, set a clear meeting time and place, and follow each shop's photography and eating rules.



Tea & wagashi



Kyoto crafts



Art and music books

Tailored Itineraries Designed for Different Travelers

Match cultural exploration, dining, and free time to the festival schedule.



Student Participants

Short distances, culture and shopping, easy group return.



Zoo / Okazaki Park



Heian Jingu



Tsutaya Books



Sanjo · Shinkyogoku



Judges & VIPs

A layered reception route of art, garden, architecture, and Kyoto cuisine.



Kyocera Museum



Heian Jingu Shin'en



Nanzen-ji / Suirokaku



Yudofu Cuisine



Festival Staff

Prioritize timing, convenience, and rehearsal readiness.



Modern Terrace



Starbucks Gathering



Nearby Noodles



Return to Venue



Full Free Day

The fullest cultural-to-city experience beyond performance hours.



Nanzen-ji



Philosopher's Path



Ginkaku-ji Area



Nishiki Market



Gion Dinner



Festival Team: Reservation Priority



1. Large-group dining
& banquet seating



2. Yudofu, popular
noodles & VIP
restaurants



3. Museum exhibitions,
gardens & special
openings



4. Free
shopping
time

Practical Pre-departure Information and Resources

A final coordination check for smooth festival days in Kyoto.

PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST



Schedule buffers

Confirm performance, rehearsal, and meeting times; allow extra travel time.



Group dining

Reserve early and confirm set menus, vegetarian options, and allergy needs.



Attractions

Recheck opening hours, closed days, shrine-garden access, and exhibition tickets.



Group movement

Set meeting points for Nishiki Market and Gion; split larger groups.



Peak seasons

Arrange transport in advance during cherry blossoms, autumn foliage, weekends, and holidays.



Rainy-day plan: Tsutaya Books, art museums, Modern Terrace, and indoor shopping.

OFFICIAL INFORMATION

Festival Venue

ROHM Theatre Kyoto
rohmtheatrekyoto.jp

Kyoto Travel Information

Kyoto City Official Travel Guide
kyoto.travel

Arts & Heritage

Kyocera Museum of Art, Kyoto City — kyotocity-kyocera.museum
Heian Jingu — heianjingu.or.jp

Shopping Information

Kyoto Nishiki Market — kyoto-nishiki.or.jp
Teramachi Kyogoku Shopping Street — kyoto-teramachi.or.jp

i **Information reviewed: September 2026**

Please reconfirm opening hours, closed days, exhibitions, seasonal events, and restaurant availability before departure.

